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Rao Sahib V. I. Muniswami Pillai:—"May I ask whether the Government would reconsider that decision and give full effect to the resolution passed on 8th August 1929?"

The Hon. Diwan Bahadur S. Kumaraswami Reddiyar:—"If it is found that in any specific case it has become now possible to put the original order in force, we will consider it."

Mr. V. M. Ramaswami Mudaliyar:—"Are we to take it that it is the policy of the Government to open more shops in places where there is illicit traffic?"

The Hon. Diwan Bahadur S. Kumaraswami Reddiyar:—"That is the only way to stop illicit traffic."

Mr. T. S. Ramaswami Ayyar:—"May I ask if it is the policy of the Government that, if crime increases, they should not try to put a stop to it but to relax the provisions of the Indian Penal Code punishing crime?"

The Hon. Diwan Bahadur S. Kumaraswami Reddiyar:—"I do not quite follow the hon. Member."

Mr. T. S. Ramaswami Ayyar:—"When there is illicit traffic, will not the Government stop it? Will they permit people to take to more drinking?"

The Hon. Diwan Bahadur S. Kumaraswami Reddiyar:—"Where there is illicit traffic, offenders are prosecuted also."

Mr. K. Koti Reddi:—"May I know how the Government propose to reach the supposed goal of total prohibition within twenty years?"

The Hon. Diwan Bahadur S. Kumaraswami Reddiyar:—"This question can well be taken up at the time of the budget discussion."

UNSTARRED QUESTION

Territorial Changes

Representations for the location of a Deputy Tahsildar's Office at Sompeta, Ganjam.

738 *Q.*—Rao Bahadur Sir A. P. Patro: Will the Hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it was proposed to establish a Tahsildar's office and a Sarishtadar-Magistrate at Ichchapur in the portion of the Ichchapur taluk remaining in the Madras Province;

(*b*) whether the conditions in Sompeta are more favourable for locating a Deputy Tahsildar's office;

(*c*) whether this matter was investigated by the District Collector and, if so, what his report was;

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(*d*) whether there were representations from the several villages in Sompeta taluk praying for location of a Deputy Tahsildar's office at Sompeta; and

(*e*) what orders were passed by the Government thereon?

A.—(*a*) In November last the Government tentatively approved certain proposals for the reconstitution into a single district of the portions of the Ganjam and the Vizagapatam districts that would remain in this Presidency after the formation of the Orissa Province, and asked the Collectors of the two districts to publish these proposals for criticisms in their respective district gazettes and submit a report through the Board of Revenue after the 31st December 1935 on any objections received. The proposals contemplate the formation of a new taluk of Ichchapur with a Tahsildar and a Sarishtadar-Magistrate at Ichchapur. The reports of the Collector and the Board of Revenue have been received and the matter is under consideration.

(*b*) & (*c*) The Government considered the arrangement for a Taluk office at Ichchapur proposed by the Collector, Ganjam, to be the best.

(*d*) Certain representations to this effect have been received.

(*e*) The matter is under consideration.

[*Note.*—An asterisk (*) at the commencement of a speech indicates revision by the Member.]

II.—THE MADRAS DEBT CONCILIATION BILL (BILL No. 9 OF 1934).

* The Hon. the PRESIDENT:—" The House will proceed to consider item No. 1 on the agenda before them—the Debt Conciliation Bill of Mr. Ramalingam Chettiyar."

Diwan Bahadur T. A. RAMALINGAM CHETTIYAR:—" Sir, I beg to move that the Madras Debt Conciliation Bill (Bill No. 9 of 1934) be further considered."

The motion was duly seconded.

The motion was put and carried.

Preamble.

* The Hon. Sir K. V. REDDI NAYUDU:—" Sir, I wish to move a few amendments which are found necessary in the Bill as considered by the Council. I beg to move the following amendment:—

' *In lines 2 and 3 of the second paragraph of the preamble,* omit *the words, figures, brackets and letter " required by sub-section* (3) *of section* 80-*A of the Government of India Act* ".' "